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1. PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN, NEWLY INSTALLED AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS, HAS BEEN MAKING A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF LATE. MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN UNREMARKABLE, BUT SOME HAVE DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF LAO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IN THEM, KAYSONE HAS TIED CONTINUED RELATIONS TO AID, AS HE DID IN HIS OCTOBER 12 SPEECH AT VIENG SAY (REFTEL PARA 7), BUT WITHOUT EVER QUITE SAYING THAT IF LAOS DID NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE CUT.

2. THE PARTY NEWSPAPER, SIENG PASASON, OF DECEMBER 23 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE: QUESTION (BY JAPANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TELEVISION REPORTER): "SIR, HOW DO YOU VIEW THE FUTURE OF

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PDRL AND THE UNITED STATE?"

KAYSONE: "BY CARRYING OUT THE FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINED ABOVE THE PDRL INTENDS TO MAINTAIN AND, IN THE FUTURE, IMPROVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND TO RECEIVE TRUE AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP OUR COUNTRY AND TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ARBITRARILY AND UNILATERALLY CUT OFF AID TO LAOS, CONSPIRED WITH THE THAI REACTIONARIES TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE LAO REACTIONARIES WHO FLED TO THAILAND TO RETURN TO OBSTRUCT LAO UNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AND THE LAO PEOPLE'S NATION-BUILDING EFFORTS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LAO AND AMERICA RESTS SOLELY WITH THE UNITED STATES."

3. IN THE NEWSPAPER VIENTIANE MAY OF DECEMBER 23 KAYSONE STATES: "ACCORDING TO THE 1973 VIENTIANE ACCORD, THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN LAOS. CONCERNING THIS QUESTION, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONFIRMED IT MANY TIMES."

4. THE DECEMBER 24 SIENG PASASON REPORTS THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE WITH ANOTHER JAPANESE JOURNALIST: QUESTION: "PRIME MINISTER, PLEASE EXPLAIN PDRL POLICY TOWARD AMERICA AND THAILAND;" KAYSONE: "THE PDRL GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AMERICA UNDER THE PRINCIPLE THAT AMERICA MUST TRULY RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LAOS, STOP CONSPIRING WITH THE REACTIONARIES IN CARRYING OUT SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN LAOS, AND OBSERVE ITS PROMISE TO TAKE PART IN THE HEALING OF THW WOUNDS OF WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF LAOS..."

5. COMMENT KAYSONE APPEARS TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES AND ASSISTANCE FROM US VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED NO FORMAL APPROACH ON THE SUBJECT, EXCEPT FOR THE MULTILATERAL REQUEST ON DEC 22 AND A PASSING REFERENCE DURING THEN-CHARGE TEARE'S CALL ON KAYSONE AND SOUPHANOUVONG ON DECEMBER 13. IN ANY CASE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVEN THE LAO ARE UNLIKELY TO ELIMINATE ANY CHANCE FOR AID BY PRESENTING US WITH AN ULTIMATUM ON THE MATTER AT THIS EARLY DATE IN THE LIFE OF THE PDRL. THEY WILL PRESUMABLY FIRST WISH TO DO SOME MORE SPECIFIC EXPLORATION BEFORE COMING TO ANY CONCLUSIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES IS POSSIBLE, AND IF NOT, WHETHER CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS EXPEDIENT.

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